

Clean Version of Replacement Paragraphs/Sections/Claims

In the Specification

Before the first line on page 1, add the following paragraph:

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This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/208,782, filed December 10, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 27 with:

A spackling compound is disclosed in the Deer et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,391,648. While joint compound and spackling compound do many of the same things and are both smeared onto walls to hide flaws, spackling compound is generally lighter, dries more quickly, sands more easily, and is more expensive than joint compound. For simplicity, joint compound, drywall joint compound, and like expressions are used throughout this specification to refer to wall repair compounds generally, including joint compound and spackling compound.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 6 with:

As shown, three specimens 4a, 4b, 4c of joint compound were prepared on a section of wallboard 20 and the section of wallboard 20 was clamped to a mounting block 22 arranged within the enclosure 2. When tested, the specimens were located about twelve inches above the bottom wall 8 of the enclosure. Each specimen was tested individually and after each test, the enclosure was cleaned so that the quantity of airborne dust particles measured less than 0.05 mg/m^3 . A particle counter 24 for measuring the quantity of airborne particles was mounted in the right side wall about forty eight inches above the center of the specimens 4a, 4b, and 4c.